

SEC. 812. ONE-YEAR EXTENSION OF PROGRAM APPLYING SIMPLIFIED PROCEDURES TO CERTAIN COMMERCIAL ITEMS; REPORT.

(a) EXTENSION OF PILOT PROGRAM- Section 4202 of the Clinger-Cohen Act of 1996 (divisions D and E of Public Law 104-106; 10 U.S.C. 2304 note) is amended in subsection (e) by striking 'January 1, 2003' and inserting 'January 1, 2004'.

(b) REPORT REQUIRED- (1) Not later than March 15, 2003, the Comptroller General shall submit to Congress a report on the authority to issue solicitations for purchases of commercial items in excess of the simplified acquisition threshold pursuant to the special simplified procedures authorized by section 2304(g)(1) of title 10, United States Code, and section 31(a) of the Office of Federal Procurement Policy Act (41 U.S.C. 427(a)).

(2) The report required by paragraph (1) shall address, at a minimum--

(A) the extent to which such authority has been used by the Secretary of Defense;
(B) the benefits realized by the Department of Defense through the use of such authority;

(C) the impact of the use of such authority on competition for contracts with the Department of Defense; and

(D) any recommendations of the Comptroller General for the continuation or modification of such authority.